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Scott A. Koch
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Koch:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I'm writing to request access to and copies of CIA documents concerning Sergei Mikhailov, the head of the Russian criminal organization known as Solntsevo Bratvo. Mr. Mikhailov, who was placed on the Interpol list of internationally wanted criminals at the request of United States officials, was tried and acquitted of money-laundering charges in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1996. I am interested in documents—whether reports, letters, memos or other papers—from U.S. officials relating and reacting to Mr. Mikhailov's charges, accusation and subsequent acquittal by the Swiss courts.

I am making this request as research assistant to the author and journalist Misha Glenny, who is writing a book on global organized crime; I am enclosing a letter from his publisher confirming his status. As this information is needed in timely fashion and to enlighten the public, he requests a waiver of fees beyond the reasonable duplication fees needed for the processing of the request. If our request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or deny a waiver of fees.

As the information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request. You can reach me at the number given above. I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Tamara Glenny

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Alfred A. Knopf

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To whom it may concern:

This is to confirm that Misha Glenny has contracted with Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. to write a book on global organized crime. The book, whose working title is *McMafia*, will explore the economic and political forces that have shaped the rise of the global mafia and its growing economic influence.

Misha Glenny is one of the most remarkable investigative historians at work today. His last book, *The Balkans: Nationalism, War and the Great Powers, 1804-1999*, was an international bestseller. He plans to finish the book in March 2007. His sister, Tamara Glenny, is helping him in the research of the new book. As his publisher, we hope that you extend her the courtesy of cooperation in fulfilling her requests for information.

Best regards,



Daniel Frank
Editor

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